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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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February 16, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

39 FEBRUARY 16, 2010

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE  
ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION  
50TH STREET WEST AT AVENUE M-8  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF QUARTZ HILL  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the project for the reconstruction of roadway pavement and installation of traffic signals for 50th Street West and Avenue M-8 in the unincorporated community of Quartz Hill; find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for preparation of a storm water pollution prevention plan.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for 50th Street West and Avenue M-8, roadway reconstruction and traffic signal installation, in the unincorporated community of Quartz Hill at an estimated cost between \$415,000 and \$485,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on March 16, 2010.

BID ..... 3/16/10 @ 11:00 am

4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the responsible contractor with the apparent lowest responsive bid to prepare a storm water pollution prevention plan for a \$5,000 not-to-exceed fee funded by existing project funds.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval to adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement for a \$5,000 not-to-exceed fee to prepare a storm water pollution prevention plan for the reconstruction of roadway pavement, traffic signal installation, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

The proposed consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a storm water pollution prevention plan that conforms to the County of Los Angeles' (County) specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the apparent lowest bidder fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) may return to your Board to recommend that the bidder be determined nonresponsive.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing improved highway facilities for the traveling public, which will benefit the community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$415,000 to \$485,000. Funding for this project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project, to contract for the reconstruction of roadway pavement and installation of traffic signals, is part of the Public Works' ongoing highway construction and maintenance program. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated the work will start in July 2010 and be completed in September 2010.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(5), (x)(14), (x)22, and (x)23, of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the installation of new traffic signal systems and the reconstruction and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code, and successful completion of the deliverables provided through the consultant services agreement.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved highway facilities for the traveling public thereby benefiting the community.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

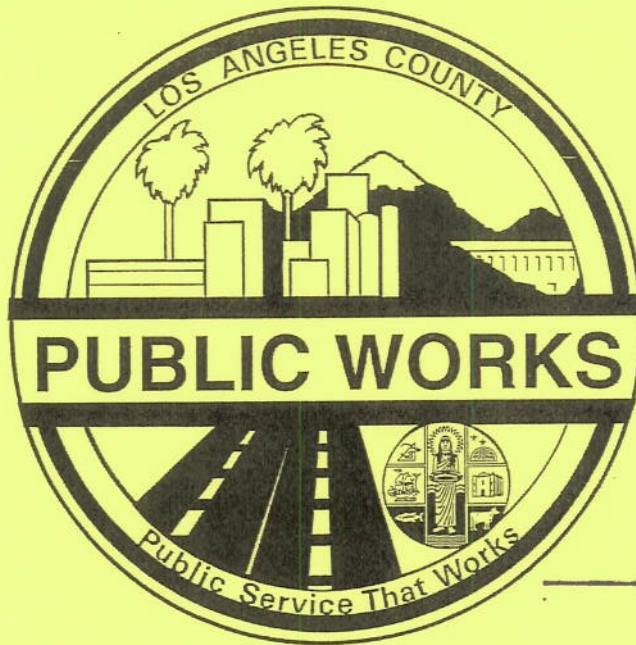
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER  
Director

GF:JTS:lg

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

39 of 2/16/10

DATE

SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE INVITING BIDS,

By *Sachi A. Hamai*, Deputy

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

FOR

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011137

50TH STREET WEST AT AVENUE M-8



Approved, GAIL FARBER, Director of Public Works

By

*Gail Farber*  
Deputy Director

2/27/10  
Date